

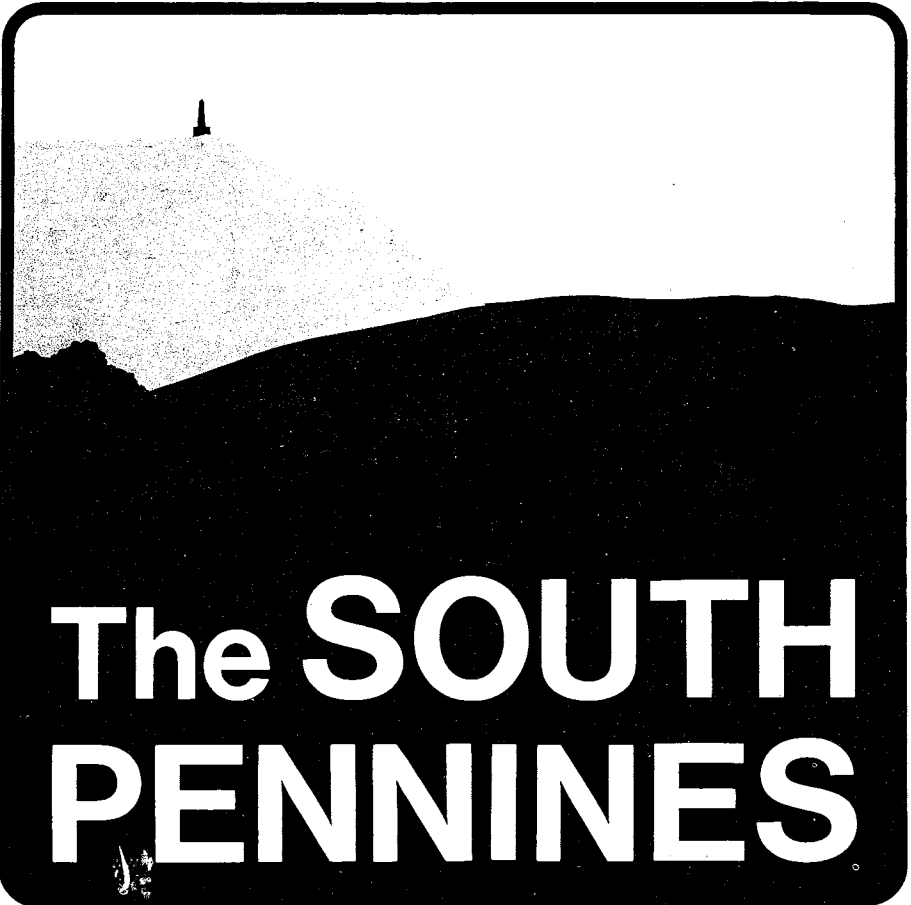


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editorial

How good to see so many of you at Tameside Festival in July. Again we were blessed with good weather — which looked doubtful even on the Friday afternoon.

I'm getting things ready this week to take the Society's sales and exhibition stands down to the National Rally at Titford for the Bank Holiday Weekend. Hope the weather improves as it's wet and windy at the moment. I hope to see lots of you there — especially those of you willing to lend a hand on the sales stand!

Sue Gibson

When I was elected Chairman in April 1981 I saw the Society's role as a responsible pressure group campaigning to restore the Huddersfield Narrow to through navigation. To achieve restoration I was convinced that the Society must persuade the British Waterways Board that individuals, local societies, local and regional councils want the Canal restored to navigation. There are many ways a society can encourage support. I feel that so far we have got the balance about right.

Our annual jamboree at Portland Basin was the most successful yet. In financial terms the Society has raised over £3,500 and helped other organisations by donating and by providing a fund-raising platform. The Festival wins many friends to our cause and police estimated a 25,000 attendance over the two days and nights. Congratulations to Laurence Sullivan and his committee.

Greater Manchester Council support our aims and have promised to underwrite maintenance costs of the restored Uppermill stretch. The Ashton to Stalybridge scheme is also receiving their consideration. The Tame Valley Committee, co-ordinated by G.M.C., is the vehicle through which the Society launches all its west side restoration activity. Recent developments include talks with local Angling Societies with a view to joint improvement schemes. Over the last two weeks Waterways Recovery Group have worked on Lime Kiln Lock. Progress has been excellent (see Graham Maskell's report). We are very grateful for W.R.G.'s support. At this summer camp we have utilised more plant and machinery than hitherto. This speeds up restoration but drains our funds. Graham is looking for good sources for reliable plant!

Tunnel End Cottages restoration has resumed. We hope to have a completed scheme within twelve months. Support from the West Yorkshire Councils is welcome and the provision of a Visitor Centre will attract more tourists to the canal in Marsden and put pressure on the authorities for more recreational facilities in this attractive part of the Pennines. Further east we are looking at schemes for lock restoration in Huddersfield. British Waterways Board will look favourably on restoration schemes should a local authority be persuaded to underwrite additional maintenance costs. Parallel schemes to Uppermill are perfectly feasible in the Colne Valley.

We have ordered the materials for the lock gates at Dungebooth. The gates — one top, two bottom, will be of English Oak and of traditional design. We hope to be in a position to fit the gates next Spring. The Council has also decided to order the timber for Lime Kiln Lock. This lock is not sponsored and the costs of materials will seriously drain our funds. It is imperative that the 'Toe Path' sponsored walk is supported by all members. Proceeds are going directly into the Uppermill account.

Throughout the last two years we have continuously lobbied the regional offices of the British Waterways Board to progress our restoration plans. Their advice and unobtrusive support has been most encouraging. At the July meeting of the British Waterways Board at Melbury House it was decided in principle to support the Society's two schemes at Uppermill and Stalybridge. We thank Sir Frank Price and his team for demonstrating their faith in our plans. I am pleased that more money has been granted to him by the

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Government for essential maintenance. Is this a sign that our political masters are beginning to believe in our waterways? The Huddersfield Canal Society is making its contribution to improving the environment. Thank you Sir Frank for supporting us.

Society Member Michael Handford of 6, Spa Lane, Hinckley Leicestershire has, surplus to his requirements four canal Acts of Parliament he would consider selling, they are:

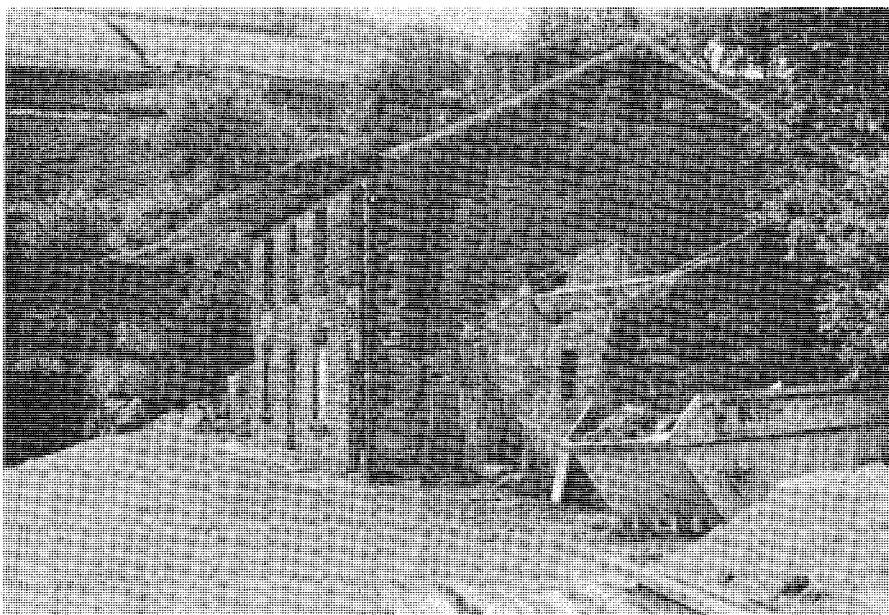
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If you're interested in any of these please contact Michael at the above address.

tunnel end cottages report

Following the work on the roof of the cottages which was mentioned in the last "Pennine Link" there was another interval of several weeks caused by difficulty in recruiting a supervisor for the CEP (Community Enterprise Programme) scheme. Work finally restarted on the 2nd August, the plan being to rebuild and re-roof the outbuildings first; work on the cottages, which is mainly indoor now that the roof is complete, being left for the winter months. Completion is scheduled for July 1983, the final part of the scheme will hopefully repair the wall at the rear and allow the removal of the props.

Trevor Ellis



The 7th—21st August saw the most concentrated work to date on restoration. Volunteers joined a two week work-camp from places as far apart as Sussex and Northern Ireland, in a bid to clear the chamber of Lime Kiln (23W) completely.

This lock had been made 'safe' in a similar manner to Dungebooth Lock, but there the similarity ended. The concrete capping was a good deal thinner and proved to be no problem to drill out, in fact $\frac{2}{3}$ of it was removed the weekend before work camp started. The lock presented different problems from the water control point, in that the byewash began in the forebay i.e. below the stop plank grooves so that a different approach had to be made.

A few lessons had been learnt from Dungebooth Lock, one of them being to support and not destroy the 12" plastic pipe which had been set in the chamber when the locks were filled in. This pipe has been used to feed water through the chamber whilst work continued. Also, for this two week period different plant was to be used as barrow-hoists were a bit slow. Plant used comprised of a 15 cwt crane, mud skips and 3 dumpers, one kindly loaned from Bugsworth and one from 'the Mont'.

"What are they going to be doing next week?" were Nick Wrights parting words on Sunday evening of the first weekend. Things were going smoothly, the infill proving no problem, being sand and easy to dig. This however was just the beginning and very shortly into the first week the awkward stuff was encountered. This was a mixture of sand, clay and small rocks, not at all easy to shovel through. Slowed down but undaunted they continued and the invert was reached, the full chamber depth 18" deeper than Dungebooth. Progress has been good but I think there will still be some excavation to be done after work camp. Can't let them have all the fun can we?

That's it for now, it's time to get ready for the disco and no doubt the telling of many tales from the work camp.

Finally, thanks to everyone involved for making this a most successful dig.

Graham Maskell



Resume of Council Meeting held on July 7th at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Awaiting permission from BWB re Uppermill and Stalybridge. Discussions with Tameside re Bayley Street.

TAMESIDE FESTIVAL: Laurence Sullivan invited to explain progress. All seems to be going well.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES: Work on the MSC Scheme due to start next week.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Robert Littleford painting to be raffled at Christmas, Toepath walk brochure ready.

PUBLICATIONS: Phil Calverley has had to resign owing to work commitments. Bulletin No. 2 nearly ready.

GENERAL SECRETARY: Keep Britain Tidy have offered to clean up canal at Milnsbridge. Poly Warehouse, Kirklees are considering various proposals.

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR: Meeting with Kirklees and West Yorks. re Wakefield Road — Queen Street, Huddersfield. Marsden — Slaithwaite — report in progress.

UPPERMILL: Dungebooth at last is empty. Measurements taken for gates. Work camp — approx. 20 coming.

BOAT: Outside charging socket at Uppermill in hand. Crew needed for Marsden from 1st August. Agreed to set up sub group for big trip boat.

EDITOR: New printer found. Should be ready end of July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted.

Resume of the Council Meeting held on August 4th at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle

TAMESIDE FESTIVAL: Laurence Sullivan was invited to sum up TCF '82. £3,500 approx. profit.

POLICY MEETING — BOATS: It was decided new trip boat needs to be 70' with diesel or gas engine. Seating needs to be flexible to allow various layouts.

BOAT: HCS Have been offered a small steel boat — free.

HCS to accept offer.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Necessary permissions received from BWB regarding Uppermill and Stalybridge.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted. It was with regret that the Council had to accept the resignation of the Treasurer owing to work commitments. Les will stay as Treasurer for a short time until Treasurer can be found.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES: Work has at last begun on the cottages. It is expected to take about 12 months.

PUBLICITY: Toepath '82 progressing well. Posters expected to be ready soon.

PUBLICATIONS: Peter Freeman has offered to complete the revised Stalybridge Report.

GENERAL SECRETARY: Change of address. Waterways Federation not going ahead.

EXHIBITIONS: Small portable boards being made. New Chairman for West meetings — agreed that Jean Buckley should take over.

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR: Wakefield Road — Queen Street scheme to be

discussed with Kirklees. Jobs report progressing. Seminar — agreed to set date soon.

UPPERMILL: Anglers want a meeting to discuss co-operation. Work Camp going ahead.

EDITOR: Pennine Link out. Press date August 10th.

SALES: Good results at TCF. HCS Badges available.

REFLECTIONS ON TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL 1982

Another year, another Festival, and I am delighted to say that after five years, Tameside Canals Festival is still as popular as ever. Admittedly we had perfect weather despite continuous rain during the week (someone up there must like TCF)! Financially, it is the most successful festival yet and is expected to raise about £3,500 for HCS.

Looking back there are many little incidents that stick in my memory. I have decided to write about the three most amusing ones, I hope you enjoy reading them. The first concerns the many telephone conversations I had with Hazel Maskell, the Festival Secretary. Hazel had a special way of telling them that something unexpected had happened. Here is the script from one such conversation:

Hazel: Hello Laurence it's Hazel

Laurence: Hello Hazel

Hazel: Sit down Laurence

Laurence: Sits on the Stairs 'Carry on'

Hazel: I've just found out that the Festival date clashes with the World Cup Final'

Laurence: 'oh dear'

That little event led to a flurry of activity to change the date. Thankfully such incidents were few and far between.

The second memorable incident occurred just before the Civic Cruise, the event in which we entertain various guests of honour, including local MP's, councillors and BWB officials. This year we had a special guest, Barbara Castle, a name I'm sure you will all instantly recognise. We had also arranged to use two vintage vehicles (many thanks to Mike Howarth and Tameside Transport Collection for making this possible). Barbara was to be picked up at the airport and would travel the last few miles in a vintage car. The whole party would then board a vintage bus to travel down to the boats for the cruise, situated about half a mile from the Festival site. Well, on the day, everybody arrived on time but there was no sign of Barbara. Civic cruise organiser, Sue Willey was getting extremely worried as we pondered on what disasters might have befallen the vintage car. Unable to wait any longer we set off in the bus and, just as we pulled out on to the main road, there was the vintage car travelling in the opposite direction. Somehow, the car did a U-turn and came chasing after us. It must have looked like something out of an old fashioned movie. Apparently there had been a long delay in getting out of the airport and the vintage car was not to blame. Everything else ran smoothly and Barbara Castle thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Tameside Canals Festival. Finally, a subject dear to my heart — loos! These lowly but essential devices have led to

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many heated discussions at committee meetings. The main problem is that they have to be placed a long way from the main site in order to use a suitable drain. Regular visitors to TCF will no doubt recall the long trek and the feeling of relief at the end of it. This year we had another problem; the large mobile unit was installed as usual but when we came to open up we found that it was not quite level. The water was collecting in the end loo instead of going down the drain — most embarrassing.

People were gathering outside so some rapid adjustments were required, not an easy task as the unit was on quite a steep slope. With the care of a bomb disposal squad we tweaked the height adjusters until the thing was finally level, and I could declare it 'open for business' (excuse the pun)!

Now I suppose I should mention my hard working committee. There were quite a few new faces and people in new jobs (including me). Here they are:

Festival Secretary:	Hazel Maskell
Treasurer:	Kath Brookes
Trade Stands:	Jean Wrigley
Entertainments:	Lorraine and John Howlett
Site Officers:	Chris Kelly and Paul Ritchie
Site Services:	Vince Willey
Local Promotion:	Bob Hindley
Press Officer:	David Sumner
HCS Promotion:	The Sheffield Branch
Raffle:	Margaret Sumner
Brochure:	Robin Thornber and Tom Rushton
Civic Cruise:	Sue Willey
Moorings Officer:	Alan Pollitt
Water Entertainments:	Sue Gibson and Dave Irving

Also a special mention for the following non-committee helpers:

Posters and hand-outs:	Pete Grinham
Plaque Design:	Diane Sumner
TCF Diggle:	Des Phillips
Water Splash Volunteers:	Jane Mitchell and friend

Once again we are grateful for the co-operation of many organisations in particular CAMRA, Tameside Recreation, and the Army Cadets, and of course thank you to everyone who volunteered to help over the weekend.

We are now looking for people to form the TCF '83 committee, so please contact Hazel Maskell on Mossley 3992 if you are interested or would like more information. I obviously believe that TCF's should still continue but there is no reason why it should be the only big event that HCS organises.

To this end I think that Toepath '82 is a step in the right direction (sorry another pun) and I will try and give it my full support. Finally, I would like to express every success to Vince Willey the new TCF Chairman.

Laurence Sullivan,

Festival Chairman (retired)

TRIP BOAT APPEAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE —

FIRST PRIZE A ROBERT LITTLEFORD PAINTING

Members will probably have heard that we are considering purchasing a larger trip boat to operate on the restored Uppermill stretch of the canal and, hopefully in the not too distant future through a certain tunnel near Uppermill.

We are shortly going to launch an appeal for funds for the trip boat and the first fund-raising event is to be a Christmas Raffle. You'll find with this issue some books of Raffle Tickets which we hope you'll buy to support the venture. If you object to raffle tickets please accept our apologies and just discard them.

The first prize in this raffle is to be a painting by the famous Saddleworth artist Robert Littleford F.R.S.A. who has recently opened an art gallery in the Alexandra Centre in Uppermill. Mr. Littleford has exhibited at the Royal Academy, Liverpool University and has featured in the BBC programmes 'Nationwide' and 'Pebble Mill'. Granada TV have described him as 'probably Saddleworths best known artist'. The painting will be one of his 'Saddleworth Night Scenes' which the Yorkshire Post call 'magnificent'.

Mr. Littleford has arranged for the Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council to draw the winning ticket at his Art Gallery on the 13th December so you have plenty of time to see the painting as Mr. Littleford has agreed to display it in his gallery until the draw takes place.

We are indeed very grateful to Mr. Littleford for this very kind donation to the Society and hope you'll support the Society by buying and selling the tickets and would wish him well with his gallery in Uppermill.

toepath '82

Since the last issue of Pennine Link you should all be familiar with Toepath '82 (remember that small booklet that looked like it had been walked over?) We hope that it will be the largest fund raising event organised on the east side of the Pennines. In order to achieve that aim it is up to **YOU** the H.C.S member to give us your fullest support.

It is not a race, nor do we insist that you cover the whole 20 kms, all we require is for each member to collect sponsors and walk as far as they can. Don't forget, if you think you live too far away to be able to attend, please collect a sponsorship for a person to walk for you: Why not sponsor a Diggle? H.C.S needs your help, let's see **YOU** on October 3rd. Thank You.

Paul Burton

Canal Clean-up at Milnsbridge

While I was a student at Huddersfield Polytechnic, I spent two years living on Manchester Road, just through Longroyd Bridge. During this time, and since then I have enjoyed many walks along the towpath of the narrow canal.

In January this year I was appointed Community Projects Officer for the Keep Britain Tidy Group. I work with the Local Authority, voluntary groups, youth groups, schools etc., to combat littering by increasing the awareness of the problem and assisting the community to carry out local environmental improvement projects. Since then I have met several people who have expressed an interest in taking part in projects along the canal.

I looked at several sites and, after much consideration and consultation, I decided to try to organise a clean up of the canal in Milnsbridge between Cuckoo Bridge and the millpond on the other side of Whitely Street. I have spoken with BWB and, although plans have not been officially approved, it is hoped that the clean-up will take place on **16th and 17th October**. The Local Authority are providing skips, a supervised team of Community Service workers will be doing some of the work, the Polytechnics Community Action Group will be there, some HCS members have already pledged their support, and I hope that local anglers and voluntary groups etc., will come and lend a hand. I am sure that, as well as doing a worthwhile job, a good time will be had by all.

Hope to see you there. For further information please contact me: **Ms Pam Andrews Keep Britain Tidy Group, Community Projects Officer. c/o 16 Netherton Fold, Netherton, Huddersfield. HD4 7HB or Tel: Hudds 665976**

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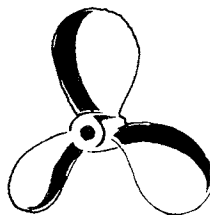
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You may have read in Pennine Link that we have revived "Keep Yer 'Ands Off" for our 1982 Waterways and South Pennine Tour. "Keep Yer 'Ands Off" is the story of the origins of the narrowboat people, and was first written and performed in 1974.

Whilst thinking about this show and some of its first performances, I remembered I kept a diary of our 1974 Tour. And what a lively tour it was. Full of incident, as some of these extracts reveal. Remember that in 1974 we did not have our own boat "Tyseley". We hired a 50-year-old wooden ex-Ovaltine boat called "The Flower of Gloster".

June 10th — Stopped at Compton for laundrette and shopping. After lunch of fish and chips, Alan took over on tiller. Coming out of Wittick Lock he went too fast, and Sarah slipped and fell in the cut while jumping off. She managed to scramble ashore before the boat crushed her, but she has a badly bruised leg. At Dimmingdale Lock on the Staffs & Worcs., Alan got boat lodged on the cill. I dropped the paddle, but it was too late. The rudder had dropped off into the lock. Alan goes into icy lock to look for missing piece. No luck!

Pulled boat back out of lock, and I went off on a bike in search of help. Ride up towpath more like a safari up the Amazon. Eventually arrived at a pub. This amazing apparition in torn yellow P.V.C. mac, green sou'wester and wellington boots walks in and asks for the telephone. Phone up nearest boatyard. Amazed to find we were still in Wolverhampton and about 7 minutes by car from Autherley Junction! Reckoned, if we couldn't find rudder, it would be a dry-dock job. The nearest — Norbury Junction! Great depression settles over boat. We decide Alan will go in lock early tomorrow to have another look.

June 11th — 6.30 a.m. Up and making cup of tea. 7.00 a.m. Alan in freezing cold water swimming from bridge-hole into the lock. Looks for about ten minutes but, again, no luck. No one talking. Breakfast eaten in depressed silence. About to ask police if they would send their divers down, when Alan decides to have one last look. This time he finds it. We rope it and, with great elation, the rudder is dragged to the surface. Rudder taken back to boatyard.

2.30 p.m. Welded rudder returns. After several hectic tries, the rudder is slipped on under water. Amazingly, we are off again at 3.30 p.m. We struggle along in shallow water going aground several times. Reach the Navigation, Greensforge, at 9.00 p.m. with a huge crowd waiting. It is dark by the time we finish the show!

June 12th — Set off early for Kinver. Water-cooling system not working. Call in at boatyard. Intake unblocked. As we arrive at bridge for Whittington, bike gets crushed and buckled as we go through a very low bridge.

June 13th — Set off for supposedly 5-hour trip to Stourport. Takes us 11 ½ hours. Stem up many times; have to unblock water-cooling system again. Get stuck in Kidderminster Lock for a while. Kidderminster grotty — go aground on and over many nasty objects. Prop. fouled — Richard and I over an hour in the water using a fret saw to cut away barbed wire, thick rope, polythene bags etc.

Just before Stourport Basin, we go over something really large — the back of the boat jumps right out of the water! I thought we were going to capsize and

that it was the end of "The Flower". However, after another twenty minutes, we managed to get off, and finally arrived in the beautiful basin. It's a superb summer's evening, and it feels like we're in Cannes with all the large ocean-going yachts.

June 14th — Exciting and awe-inspiring moment of moving onto the Severn. Six miles per hour in deep water — fantastic. I was on the tiller — very worried that we were immediately going to sink and disappear without trace!

After show at Hampstall Cider House, I go back to my cabin and find it full of water. (We had bilged 3 hours previously). Immediately start bilging, but, after quarter of an hour, water in bedroom deeper. Rip side off bed and use stirrup pump. After an hour or so we have almost emptied her, but water still coming in at an incredible rate. Also, cleaning out what seems to be 50 years of rubbish from under the bed! After a couple of hours, (refreshed with draught cider and cheese sandwiches) we decide to go to bed. I sleep with hand dangling by the side of the bed to check the water level.

June 15th — Bilge pump on engine now working okay. Beautiful, hot day. Move down to Lenchford. Lunchtime show in blazing sunshine. Just about to start evening show when the heavens opened. Most incredible storm. Heavy rain, thunder, lightning, hailstones, the lot. Set up indoors in a very small space. Electricity goes off during show. Finish it by holding candles in front of our faces!

June 16th — Boat seems to have survived the stormy night quite well!

Mike Lucas

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	Sat 18	Old Forge, Tibberton, Nr Droitwich 7.30*
	Sun 19	Boat & Railway, Stoke Works, Nr Bromsgrove 8.00*
North Stafford	Tue 21	Wharf Inn, Hockley Heath 8.00**
Grand Union	Thu 23	Blue Lias, Stockton, Nr Southam 8.00**
South Oxford	Fri 24	Napton Bridge Inn, Daventry Road, Napton 8.00*
	Sun 26	Great Western Arms, Aynho 8.00**
	Mon 27	The Boat, Thrupp 8.00**
	Tue 28	The Boat, Thrupp 8.00*
	Wed 29	The Plough, Wolvercote Green, Oxford 8.00*
		October
	Fri 1	Brasenose Inn, Cropredy, Nr Banbury 8.00*
	Sat 2	George and Dragon, Fenny Compton 8.00**
Grand Union	Sun 3	Admiral Nelson, Braunston 8.00*
North Oxford	Tue 5	Old Royal Oak, Crick Road, Hillmorton, Rugby 8.00*
	Wed 6	The Boat, Main Street, Newbold-on-Avon 8.00*
Coventry	Thu 7	Greyhound Inn, Sutton Stop, Longford, Coventry 8.00*
Ashby	Sat 9	Lime Kilns Inn, Watling Street, Hinkley 8.00*
	Sun 10	White Swan, Stoke Golding, Nr Nuneaton 8.00**
Coventry	Mon 11	Boot Inn, Coton, Nuneaton 8.00*
	Tue 12	Polesworth School, Dordon, Nr Tamworth 7.30*
Birmingham & Fazeley	Wed 13	Three Tuns, Watling Street, Fazeley, Nr Tamworth 8.00**
Trent & Mersey	Thu 14	Saracen's Head, Weston, Nr Stafford 8.00**
	Fri 15	Rising Inn, Newcastle Road, Stone 8.00*
	Sun 17	Red Bull, Church Lawton, Nr Kidsgrove 8.00*

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Macclesfield	Mon 18	Fools Nook Inn, Sutton, Nr Macclesfield 8.00**
	Tue 19	Miners Arms, Four Lane Ends, Adlington 8.00*
Peak Forest	Wed 20	Navigation Hotel, Stockport Road, Marple 8.00**
	Thu 21	The Navigation, Hyde Road, Woodley, Nr Stockport 8.00*
Bridgewater	Sat 23	Worsley Cruising Club, Cawdor Street, Eccles 8.00*
Leeds & Liverpool	Sun 24	Red Lion, Dover Bridge, Abram, Wigan 8.00**
	Mon 25	Crooke Hall Inn, Crooke, Nr Wigan 8.00**
	Tue 26	The Navigation, Gathurst, Nr Wigan 8.00*
	Wed 27	Melling Tithebarn, Tithebarn Lane, Melling 8.00**
	Thu 28	Running Horses, Bells Lane, Lydiate 8.00*
	Fri 29	Lathome Slipway, Crabtree Lane, Burscough 8.00**
	Sat 30	The Railway, Appley Bridge, Nr Wigan 8.00*

SOUTH PENNINE TOUR

November

Tue 2	Wheatsheaf Hotel, Church Street, Littleborough 8.00*
Wed 3	Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden 8.00*
Thu 4	For details and tickets tel: Hudds 843701
Sat 6	Bar and refreshments
Sun 7	Four Horseshoes, Market Street, Milnsbridge 8.00*
Mon 8	Church Inn, Church Road, Uppermill 8.00*
Tue 9	Rose & Crown (The Nook), Victoria Square, Holmfirth 8.00*
Wed 10	Rising Sun, Leymoor Road, Golcar 8.00*
Thu 11	Travellers Rest, Slaithwaite Road, Meltham 8.00*
Fri 12	Rose & Crown, Market Street, Stalybridge 8.00**
Sat 13	The Railway, Station Road, Marsden 8.00**

* Keep Yer 'Ands Off ** Over The Top

Ever since those heady days back in 1974, HCS have maintained press cuttings books which have built up to form a fascinating picture of the development of the society and its aims as seen by the world at large, albeit through the columns of various papers, waterways magazines and even national dailies. They make for very interesting reading and are a valuable record of events and changing attitudes towards the project in general.

I have recently taken over the task of attempting to keep these records up to date and would welcome anyone (particularly those living further afield) who spots a mention anywhere to keep a cutting of it, recording the date and name of the paper, and pass it on. Needless to say not all mentions are necessarily favourable or constructive but we'd like to keep them all if only to prove in years to come that it wasn't all plain sailing!

We achieved quite good coverage throughout the local press recently during the Tameside Canals Festival including articles in the Manchester Evening News, Mossley and Saddleworth Reporter, The Advertiser and Huddersfield Examiner, and have generated a certain amount of positive journalistic interest with the Waterways Recovery Group Summer Camp. Other recent events covered were the visit by a group from the Peak National Park Study Centre, the opening of the Brownhill Centre, the victorious HCS float at Slaithwaite, the Community Enterprise projects at Old Bank and Rotcher, Slaithwaite, plus many more. So, be encouraged we are making impact!

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For many months now I have attended H.C.S meetings, been on narrow-boat trips organised by east side members, and have taken part in many of the weekend digs at Uppermill. Does the society really consist of thirty die hards? Does Val Dewey invent names and addresses for the new members page in 'Pennine Link'? Where are the OTHER eight hundred members?

Here on the east side we have decided it's high time that something was done to encourage more members to show their faces. But WHAT? It is our intention in January 1983 to start a social section. Already several people have shown a keen interest, but in order to make the project appeal to everyone please write to me with your opinions and ideas.

P.R. Burton, 219 Hightown Road, Liversedge, West Yorkshire. WF15 8BM

membership competition

Again there is a chance to take part in the membership competition. All you have to do is to enrol a new member to the Society and on the form where it says 'I heard about the Society from....' they must fill in your name to be eligible to enter the competition. Please remember the membership is now £2.50 both for an individual or a family membership. The lucky winner receives £5. This issues lucky winner is Terry Griffiths.

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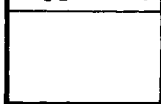
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We left Stan last time about to be moved to Ashton for the Festival. This operation was carried out according to plan (for once!) and Stan fitted with two sets of batteries, gave trips throughout the festival. The two sets of batteries allowed her to run all day on one charge. the only trouble being due to weed round the prop, but this was soon cleared.

Due to the low water and high bank at Ashton it has been found that it was not possible to recover her without a crane. I have heard only today (Aug: 10th:) that Tony Bramwell has managed to get her out (Thank you Tony and sorry that we have been such a nuisance.) and we plan to move her to Marsden on Sunday the 15th: where we will be running trips at the weekends for the rest of the summer. Anyone wishing to help please get in touch with David Milsom (0484) 850032 who is organising these trips.

We have been given — yes **given** a small work boat by Ian Stott (Ian was our working party organiser when we had a dig at Lock 1 in Huddersfield.) This boat wants a certain amount of work to be done on it and Tom Longbottom has kindly allowed us to return to his mill in Slaithwaite to carry this out - until the cottages are ready. Help will be wanted for this work, anyone interested who is able to spare an hour or two please contact me for details. Finally, your Council has decided that with the restoration of the Uppermill-Woolroad stretch of canal imminent, to go ahead with the aquisition of a full length (70'0") trip boat.

Anyone like to give us one? - Well no harm in asking! More news of this in the next issue.

John Maynard

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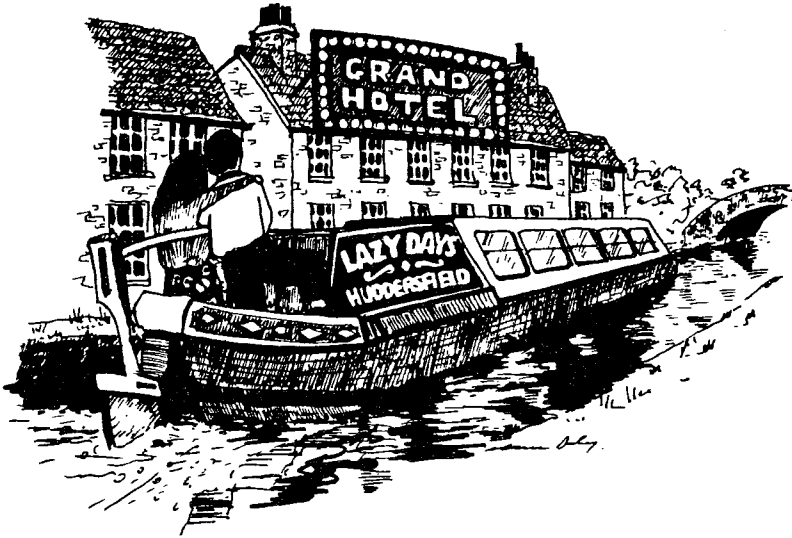
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TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION

PENNINE HERITAGE NETWORK is a name which doesn't exactly roll off the tongue. But if you want to know what's in a name, break it down into its three parts and it becomes a little clearer.

PENNINE. Well, that's the grass and heather covered high bit over which man ventured when trading over the centuries (until he discovered that by tunnelling through the gritstone he could put canals there!) The Pennines have been seen as a barrier, though increasingly they are viewed as a unifying factor, with common problems and opportunities, and a common history despite administrative fragmentation in the twentieth century. (The new 'people's logo' for the South Pennines has been adopted by many organisations as a way of promoting this common identity).

HERITAGE. That word conjures a variety of images — historic houses, landscape features, civil engineering, traditional crafts or even natural history. And in each of these topics the South Pennines makes a unique contribution.

NETWORK. The concept of a network is of inter-linked units, working together in partnership.

But if that's what the title stands for, what does it do — and why? Established just under two years, the Pennine Heritage Network has been initially supported by grants from the Carnegie UK Trust and the Countryside Commission to help tell the story of the Pennines — its landscape, industry and people. It forms a part of Pennine Heritage Limited, a registered charity, which is involved in the preservation and re-use of historic buildings throughout the area, and publishes the bi-monthly magazine 'Pennine'. These activities form part of an ambitious programme to assist the social and economic regeneration of the area.

The network part of the organisation works in a flexible way to assist local initiatives, whether they be from individuals, societies or even local authorities. For examples of joint ventures you need look no further than the Towpath Guide, the production of which was co-ordinated by the Network. Other partnerships have involved Bracken Hall Countryside Centre in Shipley Glen, the writing of a popular version of a management framework for the South Pennines on behalf of the local authorities and many, many others. 17 attractions in the area have joined with the Network in a Heritage Map scheme in which visitors buy the full colour map and then collect individual stickers to fit spaces on the map. Michael Montague, Chairman of the English Tourist Board, was the first to join the "sticker squad" collecting his first sticker a couple of weeks ago, and this summer a competition offers prizes for the best, the silliest, the fastest and the cheapest ways people have found to visit all the sites and complete the map!

The Network is producing a wide range of colourful publications about the area — maps, leaflets, booklets, postcards and guides — which go on sale this summer.

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In addition to publications, the Network hopes to encourage the use of other media — a scheme for a series of display panels alongside all the trans-Pennine canals being one such idea, which Kirklees Council have put into action alongside the Huddersfield Narrow.

Earlier this year, the Network organised the Heritage Swap Shop which was attended by over 250 people representing most of the societies and organisations active in the Pennines. This was intended to encourage greater awareness and co-operation between those involved in conversation and tourism in the area. Suffice it say that almost all the speakers seemed to be wearing a pale blue badge that said something about restoring a certain narrow canal!

Prime movers at Pennine Heritage Network are Bill Breakell and Maria Murtagh. Bill previously worked for the North York Moors National Park, and Maria taught in Manchester before becoming involved in establishing the Macclesfield Silk Heritage Project. Their offices are at the Birchcliffe Centre in Hebden Bridge (phone Hebden Bridge 844450, 843626, 844804).

So that's a brief WHO, WHAT and WHY about Pennine Heritage Network: action, advice and assistance for anyone telling the Pennine Story.

VISIT TO ALDERLEY EDGE COPPER MINES **Thursday 28th October**

A rare opportunity to visit the mines which are not normally open to the public. The mines date from Roman times and contain some unique geological features. The visit takes about two hours and is quite fascinating. Rendezvous will take place at the Moss Rose pub (real ale of course) in Alderley Edge about 7.30 p.m. There is no charge for HCS members though a small donation will be requested for the upkeep of the equipment provided by the Derbyshire Caving Club. The visit is not suitable for small children. Members will have to transport themselves to the rendezvous point but maps and other details will be forwarded. Numbers are limited so it is essential to send in the slip below or contact Bob Hindley (061 – 624 0566 ext. 3411 day time only).

to Bob Hindley, 14 Lowndes Close, Stockport SK2 6DW. Greater Manchester.

Please reserve ___ tin hats for the visit to Alderley Edge Copper Mine on Thursday 28th October.

Please book ___ rounds of sandwiches at the Moss Rose

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ day/evening

BOOK REVIEW

Sue Gibson

Fans of the Observer books will certainly not be disappointed with the latest on canals. Written by John Gagg in an easy to read, informative way it's the kind of book I imagine anyone whether interested in canals or not would be more than pleased to receive.

With many illustrations over a 100 black and white photos twelve colour photos and packed with information both on individual canals and general canal information to my mind must be a bargain at £1.95. John Gagg by the way mentions in the book that the Huddersfield has a lively restoration society!

Observers Book of Canals by John Gagg. Published by Frederick Warne Ltd. at £1.95. Hardbacked with a wipeable cover and 192 pages. ISBN 0 7232 1625 8.

HCS christmas cards

There are still a few HCS Christmas cards left from last year. The attractive cards which won a prize in the IWA photographic competition for Dave Finnis show a snow scene photo of the Huddersfield Narrow near Marsden and cost 72p for 6 plus 20p p + p from the Sales Officer Mrs Jean Buckley. Hurry, order now before they're all sold!

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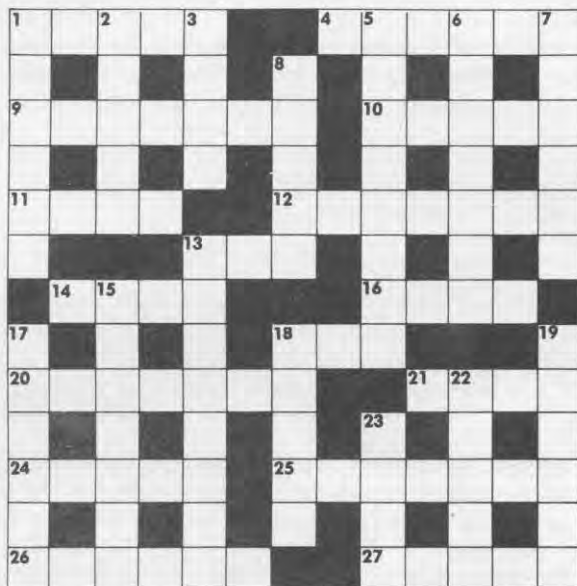
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- 1 Loop (5)
- 4 Big problem in canal restoration (6)
- 9 Boats water depth (7)
- 10 Make a call (5)
- 11 A grin of sorts (4)
- 12 Wall walkers (7)
- 13 Not well (3)
- 14 The boat front (4)
- 16 Water flow (4)
- 18 The lady (3)
- 20 Canal sidewalk (7)
- 21 Smokes? (4)
- 24 Almost (5)
- 25 HCS aim to _____ our canal (7)
- 26 Constant (6)
- 27 Opposite of 14 across (5)

DOWN

- 1 Propel a boat (6)
- 2 Custom (5)
- 3 Apartments (4)
- 5 Conduct a boat (8)
- 6 In place of (7)
- 7 Most recent (6)
- 8 Motionless (5)
- 13 Bestowed (8)
- 15 Dragline (7)
- 17 Thongs (6)
- 18 Waters edge (5)
- 19 Behind 27 across (6)
- 22 Dwelling (5)
- 23 Requests (4)

Kindly sent in by Mr James Crosland

Answers to Crossword No. 7

ACROSS: 1 Hammock, 5 River, 8 Flop, 9 Trippers, 10 Admit, 11 Astern, 12 Rig, 13 Diggle, 15 Exists, 18 End, 19 Manned, 21 About, 24 Towpaths, 25 Boat, 26 Style, 27 Density. DOWN: 2 Ailed, 3 Mopping, 4 Cuts, 5 Ropes, 6 Viewers, 7 Risen, 10 And, 11 Aged, 12 Reed, 14 Gangway, 16 Imbibes, 17 Set, 19 Mates, 20 Evade, 22 Unapt, 23 Isle.

Again many thanks for the stamps. I have recently received stamps from Derek Hewitson, Ian MacNab, Dave Finnis, Stan and Kathy Driver and Robin Witter.

Remember any stamps can be accepted, if you have access to stamps do leave roughly ¼" of envelope bordering the stamp so as not to damage it (unless of course you'd like to soak them off)!

MANY THANKS TO PEARLCAN DECALS FOR THE KIND DONATION OF NEW CAR STICKERS RECEIVED.

uppermill project

— Thanks to all who have contributed to the Society's funds. However, we still require more help especially as the coming twelve months will be critical in the Society's future. So please send your donations direct to the Treasurer or pay direct to the National Westminster Bank, Uppermill Branch (Code 01-08-99) for the credit of 'Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd Uppermill Project', Account No. 84219262.

Deeds of Covenant: A total of 120 Deeds of Covenant have now been received. These can be completed at any time without having to wait for a renewal notice. Please either send for or phone me for form, or more details.

Les Winnard, Treasurer

Press Date

Press date for the inclusion of articles in the November/December issue of Pennine Link is 10th Oct. Articles must be received by the editor by this date please.

general secretary's and membership secretary's change of address.

All general and membership correspondence should now be addressed to 38 Paris Road, Scholes, Huddersfield. HD7 1UA. (The telephone number remains unchanged at Holmfirth 5022.)

However don't worry if you've sent something to the old address – we're in the (un)fortunate position of owning 2 houses at the moment.

Bob & Val Dewey.

P.S. Anyone interested in buying a lovely modernised weavers cottage in Holmfirth – please phone now.

I am pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:

- 912 Timothy Hoskin & Catherine Taylor, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
- 913 Miss Angela Madle, [REDACTED]
- 914 Pamela L. Andrews, [REDACTED]
- 915 Tom Rushton, [REDACTED]
- 916 Andrew M. Butler, [REDACTED]
- 917 Brian Galley, [REDACTED]
- 918 David & Jacqueline Mason, [REDACTED]
- 919 Name and Address withheld at members request.
- 920 David & Valerie Hampson, [REDACTED]
- 921 Rev. Neil Handley, [REDACTED]
- 922 Gordon L. Burr, [REDACTED]
- 923 Paul & Lorraine Griffiths-Davies, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]

Val Dewey — Membership Secretary. Address inside front cover.

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RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

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| 6th Prize (whisky) | J. Pratt, Laylock Drive, Dukinfield |
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- 8th Sept. 8 p.m. 'History of our local Canals' by John Cassidy at the Fox Tavern, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge.
- 19th Sept. 10 a.m. WYMCC Countryside Rangers Service 11 mile walk from Greenhead Park, Huddersfield.
Walter Richardson Taking in canal to Slaithwaite and returning via Blackmoorfoot.
 Meet at Greenhead Park main gates at 10 a.m. prompt. Packed lunch required.
- 22nd Sept. 8 p.m. Meeting at the Grapes, Trippet Lane, Sheffield.
- 27th Sept. 7.45 p.m. 'Huddersfields Canal Age' by Mrs H. Haigh at Huddersfield Junior Library.
- 3rd Oct. Toepath '82. A sponsored walk along the canal towpath in the Colne Valley. Further details from Paul Burton on Cleckheaton 875619.
- 7th Oct. 8 p.m. Meeting at the Railway Hotel, Marsden.
 Meet at 7 p.m. for short towpath walk.
- 13th Oct. 8 p.m. Meeting at the Cheshire Ring, Hyde.
- 16/17th Oct. Canal Clean-up at Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
 Contact: P. Andrews on Hudds 665976.
- 27th Oct. 8 p.m. Meeting at the Grapes, Trippet Lane, Sheffield.
- 28th Oct. Visit to Alderley Edge Copper Mines.
 Meeting at Moss Rose at 7.30 p.m.
 Contact: B. Hindley on 061-624 0566 ex 3411.
- 4th Nov. 8 p.m. Illustrated talk on the Calder and Hebble Navigation by Pete Spence.
 Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge.
 Joint Meeting with Calder Navigation Society.
- 5th Nov. 6.45 p.m. Bonfire Party in Marsden. Meet at the Railway Hotel, Marsden. Further details from David Milsom on Huddersfield 850032.

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